

Full Day Kindergarten Start-Up Funds Grant

RFP Questions and Responses

February 3, 2015

Question 1: Can the deadline to plan, allocate and utilize funds extend beyond the March April timeframe? Would prefer extension to at least May if not June, with reports no later than June/July. This would allow for preliminary budget approval by town, although gavel doesn't go down until Financial Town Meeting in June. While purchases with grant funds can be made in advance of our final budget approval, that final budget approval will determine what the timeline may be for a phased in implementation.

Response 1: The deadline to utilize funds can extend beyond the March/April timeframe. However, an allocation plan should be developed, in place, and approved by RIDE prior to June.

Question 2: "Hourly rate/fee structure" doesn't apply. Reframe as reimbursements for expenses?

Response 2: These funds are dispersed when districts submit reimbursement requests for expenses.

Question 3: Appendix A budget includes line items for employee salaries and benefits. To be clear, this grant could cover these costs in conjunction with curriculum planning and development, yes? Assuming this could cover subcontractors if we decided to get additional curriculum assistance if necessary (although, given that we have one all day k class, I'm not sure how much curriculum work we have to do). What about staff time managing project, including coordinating capital improvements and logistics?

Response 3: This grant is meant to offset a portion of reasonable one-time, start-up costs for full day kindergarten programs. This includes costs associated with the development and implementation of new developmentally appropriate curriculum - including stipends for staff to participate in training or to engage in collaborative preparation. Administrative management work, specifically related to the implementation of full day kindergarten in the district may also be an allowable expense.